

# **CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION**

## ***MINUTES***

**November 12, 2009**

**City Hall Council Conference Room**

*"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chair John Stilin, Vice Chair Latha Sambamurti, Commissioners Tom Flynn, Seema Chaudhary (arrived at 7:11 pm), Jill Krusinski, Clint McCune, and Eva Moon

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Craig Larsen, Director Parks & Recreation (left at 7:40 pm), Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator

**YOUTH ADVOCATES PRESENT:** Christine Ito (left at 8:00 pm)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stilin called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:02 p.m. at the Redmond City Council Conference Room.

#### **II. MEETING ORGANIZATION**

##### **A. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

No changes or additions.

##### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes approved without objection.

##### **C. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORTS**

Chair Stilin thanked everyone for getting the strategic plan completed. He said that he had positive comments and that the plan set boundaries and expectations. He will be leaving at the end of the year and said that there is a big transition coming up for RAC. There will be four openings on the Commission which can be filled by people who have a love and passion for

the arts. Being an artist is not a requirement for being on the Arts Commission.

### **III. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Susanna Wilson from SecondStory Repertory spoke about the financial problems that the theater is having. She said that SecondStory Repertory needs to raise \$80,000 before the end of the year to keep the doors open. She said that theaters across the nation are having a difficult time. She distributed the strategic plan developed by Springboard for the theater and asked for the support of the Arts Commissioners.

Commissioner Flynn asked what the \$80,000 would pay for. Wilson said that it would keep the doors open after December 31. People can donate at [www.secondstoryrep.org](http://www.secondstoryrep.org)

### **IV. PARK UPDATES - Larsen**

Director of Parks and Recreation, Craig Larsen outlined the current planning of parks and projects: Sammamish Valley CP, Slough Park, Perrigo Park, NE Neighborhood Park, Recreational Buildings Design: Phase I, Westside and Spiritbrook Park, Park, Arts, Recreation, Culture & Conservation Plan (PARCC), Education Hill Dirt Jumps, Redmond Centennial Trail, Downtown Central Park, BNSF Corridor.

Chair Stilin suggested that the Cascade Land Conservancy might fund a park in the urban area. Larsen described the great success the City has had with the partnership on the Green Redmond program.

Larsen said that he and Yelanjian along with landscape architect Guy Michaelson would make a presentation at the upcoming WRPA Conference.

### **V. OVERLAKE STORMWATER PLAN – Cox/Hitch**

Chair Stilin introduced Tim Cox, Parks and Recreation and Steve Hitch, Engineering. Cox and Hitch described the plan for the second urban area in Redmond. Cox said the plan has great potential for parks, recreation, and the arts. Cox suggested that designing art into the design is the preferable process for the project. There will be a public meeting about the project on December 10. Cox said they will return to the Arts Commission to discuss art opportunities at a later date.

### **VI. POET LAUREATE RECOMMENDATION - Flynn**

Commissioner Flynn described the process for selecting the Poet Laureate. The committee included Commissioners Flynn, Krusinski, and Moon along with State Poet Laureate Sam Green and Managing Director of the Redmond Library, Christine Livingston.

Flynn said that there were excellent candidates to choose from and the decision was a difficult one. The Committee interviewed three of the applicants and made the decision to recommend Rebecca Meredith to the Mayor for approval. Krusinski said the process was a rewarding one and Moon indicated that there were a lot of strong opinions about the choice of candidate.

**Motion to approve Rebecca Meredith for a two year term as Poet Laureate: Commissioner Sambamurti**  
**Second by: Commissioner McCune**  
**Motion carried: 6-0**

**VII. FIRE STATION 17 - Yelanjian**

Yelanjian went through ordinance 1640, Percent for Arts to explain how the project would be funded. She indicated that the funds for the project were determined to be \$10,034, based on budget of \$1,003,352 approved in 2001. Funding for the construction of the project in 2009 was \$11.2 million. Commissioner Flynn asked if there were percent for arts ordinances in other cities that were clearer on the allocation of funds. Yelanjian said she would find some examples. The Commission will work on a revision to the ordinance. Chair Stilin said that he would investigate the funding further. The Commission will wait on developing a public art review committee because of the small amount of funding.

**VIII. STAFF REPORT – Yelanjian**

November 13, Tony Angell's Sculptures (Redmond City Hall)  
November 17, Redmond Senior Center Art Installation  
December 4 – Opening of Sonic Forest (runs December 4-12)  
December 5 – Redmond Lights  
December 10 – Redmond Arts Commission Meeting  
January 10 - Mixed Reality Music Jam  
January 15-16, Digital Arts Festival

Marketing and website development under construction for the Digital Arts Festival.

Conducting 2<sup>nd</sup> Interviews for Supplemental Arts Position

Application Submitted for \$58,500 for the Hotel/Motel lodging tax grant

4Culture Local Arts Agency Grant due December 7. Application for 2011 only (previously 2011-2012)

Slough Park Design – Most recent design and reviewed art plan.

Showed the Idylwood Mural submissions

Discussed changes to the RAC grant program. Commissioner Krusinski asked that the Commission review changes at an upcoming meeting.

**IX. YOUTH REPORT – Ito/Moore**

There was no youth report.

**X. YOUTH ADVOCATE TERMS AND PROJECTS - Stilin**

This was deferred to a different meeting.

**XI. IDYLWOOD PARK MURAL - Stilin**

Chair Stilin suggested that there be a committee formed to select the art for this mural. The Committee will include Commissioners Sambamurti, Chaudhary, and McCune along with two citizens from the Viewpoint Community and Idylwood Beach manager, Cindy Johnson. It was suggested that someone associated with the graffiti wall be included. Yelanjian will investigate that further.

**XII. GENERAL NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners Moon and McCune announced upcoming concerts.

**XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Krusinski  
Second by: Commissioner Moon  
Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Arts Administrator, Mary Yelanjian.

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:  
December 10, 2009  
City Council Conference Room  
7:00 p.m.**

# Redmond Arts Commission

**Meeting: November 12, 2009**

## **Audience Present**

*Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Susanna Wilson	SecondStory Repertory (RTC)	425-881-6777



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**RAC Vision:**

A Community Inspired and Connected by Arts and Culture.

**MEETING AGENDA** **7:00-9:00 pm**  
**Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, Council Conference Room**

I.	Call to Order	Stilin	1
II.	Meeting Organization	Stilin	3
	A. Additions to Agenda		
	B. Approval of Minutes		
	C. Chair/Vice Chair Report		
III.	Items from the Audience (three minute limit per person)		3
IV.	Parks Updates	Hope/Sanders/Rice	15
V.	Overlake Stormwater Plan	Hitch/Cox	20
VI.	Approve the Poet Laureate Recommendation & Discuss Process	Flynn	20
VII.	Fire Station 17 – Process & recommendation	Yelanjian	15
	BREAK – Goodbye to Bridget and Goi		5
VIII.	Staff Reports	Yelanjian	5
IX.	Youth Report	Moore/Ito	5
X.	Youth Advocate Term and Projects	Stilin	15
XI.	Idylwood park Mural – Process & Recommendation	Stilin	15
XII.	General New Business	Stilin	1
XIII.	Announcements		1
XIV.	Motion to Adjourn		1

Total time: 120 minutes

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